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In re patent application of:  
Ammy CHOU

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Serial No. UNASSIGNED

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For: HAND HELD ELECTRIC HEAT  
SEALER WITH SEALING  
MECHANISM IN PRESS BAR

Continuation of Serial No. 09/208,256

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Washington, D.C. 20231

I hereby certify that a Continuation Application under 37 CFR 153 (b) (duplicate); Copy of application Serial No. 09/208,256 as previously filed; Declaration; Preliminary Amendment; Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449 and thirty-nine (39) cited references; Check No. 137260 for \$355 and return postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, Express Mail No. EL584669348US on the date indicated below and addressed to: Box Patent Application, The Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Docket No. 57165-5019

Anticipated Classification of this Application:

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Subclass \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Application:

Examiner Q. VanArt Unit 3742

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a:

- ☒ continuation application  
☐ divisional application

pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(b) , of pending prior application

Serial No. 09/208,256 filed on December 9, 1998 ,

of Ammy Chou  
(Inventor currently of record in prior application)

for: HAND HELD ELECTRIC HEAT SEALER WITH SEALING MECHANISM IN PRESS BAR

(title of invention)

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, as originally filed and a revised declaration, filed June 22, 2000.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/208,256 as originally filed on December 9, 1998, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

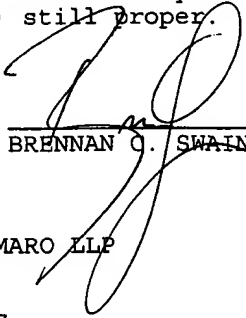
CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

| FOR:                                  | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA | SMALL ENTITY |        | OR | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY |        |
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|                                       |           |           | RATE         | FEE    |    | RATE                    | FEE    |
| BASIC FEE                             |           |           |              | \$ 355 |    |                         | \$ 710 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                          | 12 - 20   | -0-       | x 9 =        | \$ 0   | OR | x 18 =                  | \$     |
| INDEP CLAIMS                          | 3 - 3     | -0-       | x 40 =       | \$ 0   | OR | x 80 =                  | \$     |
| MULTIPLE INDEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED |           |           | + \$135      |        |    | +\$270                  |        |
| TOTAL                                 |           |           |              | \$ 355 |    |                         | \$     |

3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0440. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 355 is enclosed.
5. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 2-39 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
-- This is a ☒ continuation  
                  ☐ divisional  
of application Serial No. 09/208,256,  
filed on December 9, 1998 which is a continuation-in-part of  
application Serial Nos. 09/132,687, filed August 12, 1998, now  
U.S. Patent No. 6,064,038 and 09/189,359, filed November 9, 1998  
both of which are continuations-in-part of application Serial No.  
08/917,358 filed on August 26, 1997, now U.S. Patent No.  
5,854,466, all of which are incorporated by reference in their  
entireties herein.--
7. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this  
application and abandon said prior application as of the filing  
date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet  
is enclosed for filing in the prior application. (May only be  
used if signed by person authorized by § 1.138 and before payment  
of base issue fee.)
- 7a. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 7b. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 USC § 119.  
(country)
- 7c. ☐ The certified copy of this priority application has been filed in  
prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to:  
Welcome Co., Ltd.
9. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:  
  
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- a. ☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior  
application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a  
copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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- 10a. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this  
amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning  
with the number next following the highest numbered original  
claim in the prior application.)

- 10b. ☐ A separate check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to cover additional claims added by the preliminary amendment.
11. ☐ Enclosed find the following declaration(s) in support of Small Entity status for this application:
- ☐ Inventor(s).
  - ☐ Individual other than inventor.
  - ☐ Nonprofit organization.
  - ☐ Small business concern.
12. ☒ The statement(s) of Small Entity Status filed in the prior application is (are) still proper.

December 18, 2000  
(Date)

  
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